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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE FROM ENDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CONFERENCE BOARD SPEECH

1. LET ME THANK YOU AND JOHN ROUSE AGAIN AND MOST CORDIALLY FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT YOU BOTH SPENT THIS PAST WEEKEND TO GET MY CONFERENCE BOARD STATEMENT INTO SHAPE AND AUTHORIZED.

2. I THINK YOU HAVE THE RESULTS OF DCM'S PRE-CONSULTATIONS ALREADY: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WAS NON-COMMITTAL, AND PERHAPS A LITTLE SENSITIVE TO SEEING THE LIMITS OF OUR CURRENT RELATIONSHIP PRESSED THIS VIGOROUSLY; PM'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR HEAD WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND SUPPORTIVE.

3. AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE CONFERENCE BOARD GROUP. COVERAGE HAS BEEN WIDE ALTHOUGH NOT ALWAYS ACCURATE (TORONTO STAR HEADLINE "STOP THE PARANOIA").

4. CONFERENCE BOARD WAS REMARKABLE MAINLY FOR NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CRITICIZED THIRD OPTION AS NOT BEING IN CANADA'S INTEREST. WILL REPORT DETAILS OF THIS SEPARATELY.

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